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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

No.F.32(1)-TRANS/2024

Dated, Agartala, the 8th April, 2025.

NOTIFICATION

TRIPURA ROAD ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATION SCHEME, 2025 (Crash Investigation Scheme, 2025)

Whereas, Section 135(1)(a) of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 provides for making of scheme for in depth study on causes and analysis of motor vehicle accidents, to be notified in the Official Gazette;

And whereas, in compliance of the aforesaid provision of the said Act, the State Government is pleased to make a scheme for the purpose as mentioned above and incidental thereto:-

Now, therefore, the State Government hereby notifies the following scheme:-

(1) Short title, extent and commencement-

- (i) This may be called the "Tripura Road Accidents Investigation Scheme, 2025 (Crash Investigation Scheme, 2025)";
- (ii) The Scheme is applicable in whole of the State only for the accidents of motor vehicle(s) in public places involving fatalities and grievous injuries and in-depth study on causes and analysis of such accidents.
- (iii) This will come into force on and from 10th April, 2025

(2) Lead Agency:

Transport Department will be the lead agency for execution of the scheme.

(3) Joint study Team:

- (i) In-depth study on causes and analysis of accidents of vehicles shall be done by a Joint Study Team of each district. The Joint Study Team in each district is to be formed by the District Magistrate of that district with one representative from each of Transport Department, Police Department and Public Works Department.
- (ii) For selection of representatives of the departments the following norms are to be followed:
 - (a) Transport Department: Any Motor Vehicles Inspector having technical knowledge on automobiles, nominated by D.T.O of the concerned district.

- (b) Police Department: Any Deputy Superintendent of Police of Traffic Wing or officer of any equivalent rank, nominated by Superintendent of Police of the concerned district.
- (c) Public Works Department: Any Assistant Engineer of Roads Division, nominated by Superintendent of Engineer of the concerned district.
- (iii) After receiving the recommendations/nomination of respective departments, District Magistrate shall issue an order to form the Joint Study Team of the district.
- (iv) The Officer representing the Police Department shall be declared as the Nodal Officer of the Joint Study Team and be responsible to coordinate with other members of the team as and when required.

(4) Role of Investigating Officer of the accident:

- (i) Upon receiving the information of road crash, the Investigating Police Officer shall immediately proceed to the road crash site and inform the Nodal Officer of the Joint Study Team of the district.
- (ii) Upon reaching the accident site immediately, he will initiate the investigation proceedings with necessary actions to transfer the person(s) affected by accident to the nearest hospital.
- (iii) The I.O shall cordon the place of accident to preserve the marks of accident. He may take charge of motor vehicle(s) involved in accident and the relevant documents.
- (iv) In case the vehicles(s) involved in accident is/are in a position to cause obstruction to free flow of traffic on that road, he may take necessary action to shift the vehicle to the Police Station or nearest safe location.
- (v) The I.O. on his own or as advised by the Joint Study Team, may send requisition for experts from Forensic Science Laboratory, if so, required for investigation.
- (vi) The I.O shall complete the crash investigation as per the latest procedure of the relevant provisions of Law under supervision of the senior officer of the district.

(5) Role of Motor Vehicle Inspector:

- (i) On receipt of the information of the accident, he shall conduct vehicle inspection as per section 136 of the M.V act and other related sections of the Act.
- (ii) He shall capture eight angle photographs of the vehicle involved in road crash as per the latest guidelines for photographic Evidence Collection **(Enclosed as Annexure-2)**.
- (iii) He shall complete the crash investigation details in the Crash investigation as per the prescribed proforma.

- (iv) After consultation with the other members of the committee, he will sign the final report prepared and provide all the photographs.

(6) Role of Assistant Engineer, PWD:

- (i) On receipt of the information of the accident, he shall ensure proper examination of the accident site with crime scene photograph from a road engineering point of view.
- (ii) The Assistant Engineer shall complete the crash investigation details in the prescribed proforma.
- (iii) After consultation with the other members of the committee, he will sign the final report prepared and provide all the photographs.

(7) Role of Joint Study Team:

- (a) Within 24 hours of receiving information from the Investigation Officer, the Joint Study Team shall visit and examine the location, where the accident had occurred, in presence of the Investigation Officer and also examine the motor vehicle(s) involved in the accident.
- (b) The Team may also take note of the observations and report/statement of the Investigating Officer with statement of owner(s)/driver(s) of the concerned vehicle(s) and eyewitness, if any.

(8) Preparation and submission of study report:

- (a) The report on study of the accident shall be prepared jointly by the I.O. and the members of Joint Study Team in the format annexed **(Annexure-1)** (Accident summary form, Joint visit sheet, Traffic crash report by road authority, Transport Department issue etc.) to this scheme within 24 hours of visit.
- (b) The I.O. shall make four (4) additional copies of the report and –
 - (i) The original copy of the report will be sent to the Lead Agency.
 - (ii) One copy will be provided to the Sub-Divisional Police Officer who will supervise the investigation of the case as per the latest provision of law.
 - (iii) One copy shall be sent to Traffic Unit of the district for collating of the data of accidents. The Traffic Unit will forward a copy to the SP (Traffic) for maintaining record at the Traffic, HQ of the State as well as to analyse the reports to bring to notice of the senior officers.
 - (iv) One copy to be provided to District Transport Officer of the district, who will submit report to the District Road Safety Committee. He will ensure

online submission in the format provided by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India. The District Road Safety Committee may examine the issue for providing assistance under any scheme including recommendation for 'Good Samaritan' Scheme.

- (v) One copy shall be sent to Public Works Department for their in-house analysis.

(9) Role of Lead Agency:

- (a) The lead agency shall take necessary actions to store the reports received from the Joint Study Teams of all districts after assigning a 'Unique Reference Number' for each accident case for creating a database of such accidents in the State.
- (b) The lead agency shall take action to analyse the data of such accidents for preparing and submitting a report of every quarter to the State Road Safety Council in the format prescribed by the Council for discussion and taking further actions for remedial measures by respective departments.
- (c) Considering the report on extent of damages of any transport vehicle caused by accident affecting its road worthiness, Transport Department may direct the concerned Registering Authority to take actions for suspending/cancelling Certificate of Fitness of the vehicle.
- (d) Considering the fact of involvement of any driver in accident more than twice in a year, Transport Department may direct the concerned Licensing Authority to take actions for suspending/cancelling the Driving License of the driver.

By order of the Governor,
Signed by Subrata
Choudhury
Date: 08-04-2025 15:07:00

Additional Secretary to the
Government of Tripura
Transport Department

To

1. The Secretary to the Governor of Tripura, Raj Bhawan, Agartala
2. The Secretary to the Chief Minister, Tripura
3. PPS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura
4. The Director General of Police, Tripura, Agartala
5. The Secretary, Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, New Delhi

6. The Secretary, Public Works Department, Govt. of Tripura
7. The Secretary, Health Department, Govt. of Tripura
8. All District Magistrate & Collector,
West/North/South/Dhalai/Sepahijala/Khowai/ Gomati/Unakoti District
9. All Superintendent of Police, West/North/South/Dhalai/Sepahijala/Khowai/
Gomati/Unakoti District
10. The Superintendent of Police, Traffic Wing, West Tripura
11. The Transport Commissioner, Paribahan Bhawan, Astabol, Agartala
12. The Executive Director, NHIDCL, Agartala
13. The Joint Transport Commissioner, Paribaha Bhawan, Agartala
14. The Director, GA (Printing & Stationery) Department, Agartala with request
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15. The District Transport Officer, West/North/South/Dhalai/Sepahijala /
Khowai/ Gomati/Unakoti District